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Arsenal Park Tours Offered through July 2019

The historic ground known as Arsenal Park will be the site of the future North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center. This summer guided tours of the grounds will be available on **July 2, 16 & 30 at 10:00 am, noon and 2:00 pm**. The tours are led by new volunteer and Civil War history buff, Sam Putnam. Visitors can learn about the roles of soldiers, enslaved African Americans and women on the tour. The townspeople of the time doted over the arsenal complex. They thought it beautiful and had annual 4th of July celebrations on the grounds. Many people do not realize that over 200 slaves were instrumental in building the structure, or that the War of 1812 was the impetus for an increase in arsenal constructions along the eastern seaboard. Want to know more? Come out and take a tour.

Fundraising continues for the Civil War and Reconstruction History Center, but visitors to the park can learn about the three historic structures currently under renovation in the park during the Arsenal Park tours. These structures will house various parts of the history center.

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Left: The ghost tower is a stop on the Arsenal Park tour. While it's not really haunted, visitors can learn how it got its name.

Below Left: Historic houses known as the Culbreth House, Davis House, and Arsenal House in their new positions at Arsenal Park.

Below Right: Volunteer Sam Putnam gives an introduction about the Arsenal prior to starting each tour. Tours leave from the museum lobby.



Meet the New Office Manager

Kimberly Dickens started April 1, 2019 as the Museum of the Cape Fear's Office Manager. Kimberly has a background in office management, customer service, accounting as well as various other skills. Kimberly holds a dual Bachelor of Science in Psychology for Christian Counseling and Life Coaching from Liberty University's on-line programs. She has been a volunteer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for over three years. In addition, she is the founder and facilitator for 'Connected' which is a local support group for survivors of suicide loss. Kimberly has also been a fundraising volunteer for many other organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, visiting museums, the outdoors, and her newest hobby, metal detecting.



Meet Our Summer Intern



Hello everyone, my name is E'Tricia Hatten and I am a graduate of Fayetteville State University with a Bachelor of Art in History. I just graduated in May and thought by doing this internship it would give me an insight into what working in a museum would be like. My job for the summer is to update the Arsenal Handbook of Interpretation by doing researching information about the slaves, free African Americans, women and other minority groups that worked at the Fayetteville Arsenal before it was destroyed by General Sherman in 1865.

I am the proud mother of a 15-year-old daughter, who is currently finishing up her freshman year of high school, and a 4-year-old Yorkie mix named Princess. I'm an avid lover of art and history. In my free time I like to draw or learn about new historic sites and visit art museums. I have accepted a job as an 8th grade middle school teacher for August and will be teaching NC history. Working at the museum has increased my knowledge of the Civil War and Native Americans who resided in the area post colonization. In my new journey as a teacher I hope to use my knowledge of history to inspire students to become historians and be passionate about learning and discovering new places.

History LIVE! Awarded Arts Council Grant

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation is pleased to announce our annual fall program series, "History LIVE!," has been awarded a project support grant in the amount of \$9,000 from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. The "History LIVE!" series offers a live look at the past through historical re-enactments, artist demonstrations, musical performances, and live action theater with four special events. "The Arts Council grant makes it possible for us to provide engaging historical entertainment by incorporating living historians, artists, and performers representing the diversity of our community and our collective history. Grant funds and other donations allow us to offer this programming for free or at minimal cost to the public," says Megan Maxwell, the History LIVE! program series coordinator. The "History LIVE!" series is entirely supported by grants and donations to the MCFHC Foundation, Inc.

Each program combines elements of the arts, culture, and history to create a comprehensive and entertaining learning experience for the visiting public. The four events include the "Festival of Yesteryear: A Celebration of Early America" on September 7, 2019 from 10:00-5:00 pm; "Hallowe'en Revels: Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House" October 23-25, 2019 from 6:00-10:20 pm; "Trick or Treat at the Poe House" on October 26, 2019 from 11:00-4:00 pm; and "Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House" on December 8, 2019 from 1:00-5:00 pm. All four programs take place on the museum complex grounds, which include the 1897 Poe House, a Victorian house museum, and Arsenal Park.

The "Festival of Yesteryear: A Celebration of Early America" highlights life in the 18th century and includes a popular children's hands on craft area called "Apprentice Alley." This event features living historians, artists, and demonstrators portraying life in colonial and during the Revolutionary War era North Carolina. The variety of participants encompasses daily life for soldiers and citizens, freedmen and slaves, native people, political culture, music, and art of the time. The event provides an immersive experience with hands on opportunities in quill pen writing, colonial crafting, militia drill, and dancing. Visitors will learn about the African American experience through an interpretive performance by actor Stephen Seals of Colonial Williamsburg who tells the story of enslaved American spy James Armistead Lafayette, and the spiritual songs of

African slaves performed by April C. Turner and the Life as Art Productions band. Musical performances are also provided by the Cross Creek Pipes and Drums with the Highland Dance Academy Scottish dancers, and Tim Langdon and family from Camp Flintlock. This is an outdoor event and takes place in Arsenal Park adjacent to the Museum Complex.

For the eighth consecutive year the museum will employ local actors in partnership with the Gilbert Theater to perform "Hallowe'en Revels: Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House." Visitors are transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes based on Victorian cultural norms, music, and poetry through a scripted short play with a Hallowe'en theme. This is a unique opportunity for the public to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. Admission for the tours is \$5.

"Trick or Treat at the Poe House" features a costume contest for children aged 12 and under. Over the past four years, attendance for the Trick or Treat program has annually increased, reaching more than 1,000 guests in 2017 and 2018, cementing it as a family favorite Halloween event. The costume contest has become the highlight of the event with prizes awarded for the best costumes in four different age categories. Creativity and artistry are rewarded with the top awards going to original homemade costumes in 2018. Children attending this event explore Victorian culture with a "raven" scavenger hunt in the "Poe" House, play vintage carnival games, enjoy a free kid's concert by the Sandbox Band, witness balloon twisting and magic tricks with Joy the Clown, and vote on their favorite Halloween decorated Jeep for the Trunk or Treat in Arsenal Park.

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Thank You!



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"Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House", a favorite seasonal event, features the Coventry Carolers and the Cross Creek Chordsmen performing for visitors on the Poe House front porch. For the fifth year Santa Claus will be in attendance to pose for pictures and interact with the children. It is free for families to visit Santa and take their own Santa photos. Other highlights of this event include historic cooking, a holiday craft, and of course the beautifully decorated Poe House.

These four programs use many art forms to teach our visitors about life in the past, including music, dance, acting, and historical re-enacting. All of our programs are open to the public and free of charge, with the exception of "Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House." Our events appeal to a diverse range of interests, and are inviting for all ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds. This grant allows us to provide these experiences for free, or at minimal cost. History LIVE! encourages access to the arts by appealing to a diverse range of interests, ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds. Booking a diverse group of historians and performers helps us to meet our goal of interpreting all aspects of history, as well as raising awareness of historical differences and fostering appreciation of the past.

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September 7, 2019

10:00-5:00 pm

A History LIVE!

FREE EVENT

Living History, Hands on Crafts, Puppet Show,
Music, Lafayette Birthday Cake and MORE!




Featuring Colonial Williamsburg's
Stephen Seals portraying James
Armistead Lafayette.








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Volunteer News



During the spring the museum has been the benefactor of several new volunteers. We are delighted to welcome Sam Putnam, Arsenal Tour Guide and front desk attendant; Bryce Vorreyer, a student at Appalachian State University, front desk attendant; Roxanna Chambers front desk attendant; and Margy Priddy, a nurse educator who is currently a front desk attendant with intentions on becoming a tour guide in the future.

Are you interested in volunteering? Contact Leisa Greathouse at 910-500-4243 or email leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov for more information.

A Message from the MCFHC Foundation

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex. Whether you are a visitor, staff member or board member there is a lot going on at 801 Arsenal Avenue. Programs are offered year-round and you can tour the Poe House daily or stroll along the grounds of Arsenal Park.

On behalf of the foundation we appreciate your attendance at our events, as well as your financial and in-kind support so we can continue to offer outstanding programs. As the regional branch of the North Carolina History Museum we would like to introduce you to the region through our exhibits and tours. Kudos to our dedicated staff and volunteers who work so hard to bring you NC history every day.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, weddings, rentals or the MCFHC Foundation programming, please contact Museum Administrator David Reid at 910-500-4242 or david.reid@ncdcr.gov.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Kelli C. Walsh, President

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Administrator's Notes

It's summer and we have a lot of things on our plate. You'll be noticing some changes around the place, and these will add to all that we already offer.

1) Repairs and maintenance: we are waiting for the State to finish up some designs and construction details to take care of roof repairs and window screen replacement for the museum and wood repair and replacement at the 1897 Poe House.

2) Work will begin very soon in Arsenal Park on the three historic houses located there (Arsenal House, Culbreth House and Davis House). The North Carolina Civil War and Reconstruction History Center is also ready to launch other projects throughout the park which will enhance the visitor experience!

3) When the houses in Arsenal Park were moved, we had to remove a lot of material from them, and some of that is temporarily stored in the museum. Please pardon our mess as we sort through all of this and find new storage or explore other options. As soon as this is cleared up, we will be using our changing exhibit gallery for some new exhibits. Our next newsletter will offer more details or keep an eye on our Facebook page and website.

While we deal with the storage issues, watch for changes in our main exhibit gallery. We are looking at additions and changes to our antebellum, pre- and post-Civil War, textiles and early twentieth century areas, as well as a time-line running throughout the gallery. Watch for more news soon!

We are looking forward to our fall programs and hope to see you here!
David Reid, Administrator



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Museum Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-5

1897 Poe House Tours

Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00
Saturday 10-4 on the hour
Sunday 1-4 on the hour

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And more than 50
volunteers

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free, but donations are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Festival of Yesteryear September 7, 2019 10:00-5:00 pm

Focusing on early America, this program features living historians, hands on activities for kids, musical performances, colonial puppet show, and the Lafayette Birthday Cake Cutting. This event is held annually the Saturday after Labor Day and in partnership with Fayetteville's Lafayette Birthday Celebration honoring Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette. For more on Lafayette's Birthday Celebration visit www.lafayettesociety.org Concessions will be available. FREE.

Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House October 23-25, 2019 6:00-10:00 pm

The Gilbert Theater is back with us for Hallowe'en Revels 2019! Guests will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in early 20th century cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. Ticket information to be announced.

Trick or Treat at the Poe House Saturday October 26, 2019 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Trick or treaters can search for ravens in the Poe House, listen to a Halloween story, and then play old fashioned games in the backyard for a prize. Event features the Sandbox Band, Joy the Clown, Costume Contest, and more! Admission is FREE.

Letters from the Trenches: Dear Kit Sunday November 10, 2019 2:00 pm

This year for Heroes Homecoming we are hosting performance artists Hardin Minor, depicting his grandfather from the trenches of France during WWI, writing letters to his girlfriend Kit. Minor discovered over 200 letters in the attic of his grandparents' house. From those letters, Minor created and produced the one-man show, "Letters from the Trenches: Dear Kit." Kit was Minor's grandmother. While the audience watches Minor's performance, a slideshow of WWI and family photos play in the background. This program is a collaboration with the Headquarters Library and sponsored by a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. Held in the Pate Room, Headquarters Library.

Holiday Jubilee Sunday December 8, 2019 1:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate the Christmas season at the annual *Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House*. This free event features a concert by Fayetteville's own Coventry Carolers and the Cross Creek Chordsmen. The Coventry Carolers will perform on the front porch of the Poe House at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. The Chordsmen will perform at 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

The house will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas providing a beautiful backdrop for this festive event. The Poe House kitchen will be alive with the smells of Christmas goodies cooking on our 1902 Glenwood stove. Admission is FREE! Santa Claus will also be in attendance to visit with the kids and hear Christmas wishes.

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.